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No present disposition to leave Laredo.

Washington, September 28, 1903.

Dr. EDMOND SOUCHON,

New Orleans, La.:

Replying to yours of yesterday estimated 3,000 people have left Laredo since September 16 on account of fever in Laredo, Mexico. Upon first case in Laredo, Tex., wired Tabor September 23, advising names be taken of all leaving, but Guiteras wires no disposition to leave at present, and strict quarantine maintained against Laredo, except for through passengers north of Arkansas, Indian Territory, and Ohio River, and notification to proper health authorities.

 $\mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{YMAN}}.$

Camp outfit to be loaned to State health officer.

Washington, September 28, 1903.

Guiteras, Laredo, Tex.:

Referring to your telegram 28th authorized to loan Tabor camp outfit for 25 persons. Wire if sufficient camp outfit in Laredo now for this purpose. Am wiring Wertenbaker to push search for the camp outfit en route.

WYMAN.

Arrival of camp outfit.

LAREDO, TEX., September 28, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Camp outfit arrived and is held at Cactus under guard.

GUITERAS.

House disinfection.

Laredo, Tex., September 28, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Ten houses and 34 rooms disinfected yesterday. Diagnosis in 2 suspicious cases confirmed to-day; 6 suspects reported; no deaths. Seventeen houses disinfected, with 84 rooms, since 25th instant. There have been 3 deaths and 13 positive cases; 7 suspects are now under observation.

GUITERAS.

Train inspection proposed.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1903.

Guiteras, Laredo, Tex.:

Referring to your telegram of 26th, outlining plan of campaign, train-inspection service considered by Bureau very necessary, and suggest Frick for supervising same. Four men were authorized and are

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under pay for this purpose. This is deemed essential even with trains going north. At same time do not oppose, for present at least, State quarantine against Laredo, even if considered too excessive.

WYMAN.

Train inspection not required.

Laredo, Tex., September 28, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Referring to your telegram of 28th referring to train inspection, Murray, Tabor, and myself are of the opinion that the circumstances do not require it. If Bureau still considers it necessary, wire so that I may establish it at once. The four acting assistants are each in charge of a section of mosquito brigades; quarantine restrictions against Laredo are excessive.

GUITERAS.

Arrival of Surgeon Murray.

LAREDO, TEX., September 28, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington.
Arrived 4 afternoon, 28th.

Murray, Surgeon.

Condition of country around Laredo.

NEW ORLEANS, La., September 28, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Our inspector, Brady, has just returned; says he is satisfied all the country around Laredo is infected, but they call it dengue. Important some expert should go on inspection tour. No news of Murray.

Edmond Souchon, M. D.,

President State Board Health.

House disinfection—Camp outfit at Cactus—No dengue in Nueces
County.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1903.

Souchon, New Orleans, La.:

Murray arrived Laredo yesterday. Guiteras wires 17 houses, 84 rooms disinfected. Habana method used since 25th. Have camp outfit for 100 at Cactus. Service has 11 medical inspectors in Laredo. Am sending Purnell to inspect territory around Laredo. Acting Assistant Surgeon Burke, in response to inquiry, wires no dengue in Nueces County as rumored.

WYMAN.